



Transporting Items on a School Bus

The HRCE Student Transportation Team is responsible for ensuring that items carried on a school bus do not present a risk to the health and safety of its occupants or their evacuation in case of an emergency.

All authorized riders must follow the guidelines outlined below when transporting items to and from school or on extracurricular trips. The driver will not depart their location when passengers are carrying articles that may obstruct the aisle of the bus, wholly or partially, or interfere with the driver's ability to operate the vehicle safely.

Guidelines

Musical Instruments

Only small instruments which can be easily placed on a student's lap shall be permitted on a school bus. All musical instruments must be transported in their case and remain in the case while on the bus.

Skates

Ice skate blades must be protected with guards and tied together. All skates must be stored in a case or school bag and placed on the floor at the student's feet.

Sports Equipment

Small sports equipment such as baseball gloves and balls that can be stored safely in a school bag is acceptable but must remain stored away while on the bus.

Other sports equipment such as, but not limited to: baseball bats, tennis racquets, large sports balls, hockey bags, hockey sticks, skis, poles, snowboards and skateboards are not permitted on the school bus.

Items Not Permitted on a School Bus:

- Bikes
- Cigarettes, e-cigarettes and vaping products
- Substances including alcohol and cannabis, and illegal drugs
- Explosives, compressed gases or oil, fireworks, flammable materials, propane tanks and cooking stoves
- Firearms, weapons, pocket knives, ammunition and toy replicas
- Laser pointers
- Lighters and matches
- Live animals, reptiles, bugs, plants and flowers
- No opened food, drinks, chewing gum or candy
- Scooters and skateboards
- The wearing of footwear with cleats and/or spikes



NOTE: The following larger items are permitted if space allows on extracurricular trips, and if they can be transported safely (e.g. stored in bundles under a seat and/or in sports bags). Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting these items to school if a student requires the larger items on a regular basis (e.g. hockey sticks or large musical instruments).

- Baseball bats, golf clubs, hockey sticks, lacrosse sticks and tennis racquets
- Skis, poles and snowboards
- Large sports balls
- Large instruments such as cellos, guitars, baritones, tubas and drum sets
- Large equipment bags
- Camping gear, **excluding:** lighters and matches, compressed gases or oil, flammable materials, propane tanks and cooking stoves